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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 2, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action having a date of mailing of January 2, 2004, a response to which is timely if filed with a certificate of mailing on or before February 2, 2004.

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